Damgers Machines Act, 1988

5792. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA):

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whther all the State Governments have notified the Dangerous Machines Act, 1988;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the measures taken by the Union Government to ensure its notification by all the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Haryana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Delhi have notified the Rules under the Act.

As per avilable information, the position of the Act in other States is as under:

i) In the State of Bihar, Karnataka, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, action has been taken for the notification of the Rules under the Act.

ii) The State Governmentsof Orissa, Assam, Nagaland, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh have identified the Modal Agency but the Rules are to be notified.

iii) The Statement Governments of Tripura, Sikkim, Maniipur and Union Territory of Lakshdweep have informed that the Act is not relevant as Dangerous Machines are not in use.

iv) The State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Mehalaya, Mizoram, Goa & Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Chandigarh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Pondicherry are to identify the Nodal Department for implementation of the Act.

(d) The Union Government through meetings with the State Governments and through various forume such as National Conferences on Kharif & Rabi & Zonal Input Conferences have been impressing upon the State Governments for early implementation of the Act.

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Diesel Quota of U.P.

5793. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for increase in the supply of disel quota; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been no restriction on supply of diesel to retail outlets and the product is released freely in order to meet the demand of the market.

Banana Plantation

5794. SHRI MEHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are providing financial assistance to the States to increase area under banana p'antation; and

(b) if so, the financial assiistance provided for the purpose during 1991-92 State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a)and (b). The Central Government is not implementation any specific scheme for providing financial assistance to incrrease area under banana plantation. However, under Elite Progeny Orchard scheme implemented through State Farms Corporation of India, banana suckers are supplied to the growers. The scheme covers multiplication and supply of planting material for different fruits including banana, coconut, cashenut and vegetable seeds. An amount of Rs. 60 lakh has been provided during 1991-92.

Integrated Horticultural Development Programme

5795. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the places identified by the World Bank for the implementation of Integrated Horticultural Development Programme in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the time by which this programme is likely to be launched; and

(c) the criteria adopted for the implementation of the said programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is no project under implementation for Integrated Horticultural Development in Madhya Pradesh with the assistance of World Bank.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

National Research Centre for Banana

5796. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a national Research Centre for banana in Madhya Predesh;

(b) if so, the location thereof; and

(c) the research work undertaken to further increase the production of banana in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Financial support for strengthening research on banana in Madhya Pradesh has been extended to Jawaharlal Nehru Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur under the National Agriculture Research Project. The Nimar Valley of Khndwa has been identified as the area for further research in banana.

Soil Testing Laboratories

5797. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Gujarat were soil testing laboratories are located; and

(b) the number of soil samples analysed in Gujarat during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A statement is enclosed

(b) Approximate number of smaples analysed during last three years are as follows: